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THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P. Kenneth Peterson
MAYOR

September 23, 1957

Harold A. Kind
SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

Ever since our arrival home a week ago, it has been heavy on my mind that I wanted to write you on behalf of Jean and myself and express our sincere thanks to you for your wonderful hospitality during our visit with you in Newport.

We have talked about our wonderful time with you in Newport which, believe me, was the high point of our entire trip. We will always have a happy memory of our dinner to which you invited us at the Newport Reading Room where we had an opportunity to meet so many of your delightful friends (even if they are having a hard time making ends meet.)

I think of you, too, each time I smoke one of those fine cigars and, believe me, they are fine. If you were a smoking man you would recognize what I mean. That is not sufficient reason, perhaps, for you to join that fraternity since you already belong to so many fine ones.

I am looking forward to receiving your autographed photograph together with the chart showing the battle engagements of the USS Minneapolis. I mentioned to you also that we would make good use of the other chart which you insisted was not entirely accurate, for use at our City Hall; however, if you would like for any reason to keep this for your own purposes, we will satisfy ourselves with one which will be placed in the room devoted to the story of the USS Minneapolis. I also indicated that a photograph of any kind of the ship would fit in beautifully with the display that is proposed.

Again I express to you my sincerest thanks for your wonderful hospitality which we thoroughly enjoyed. I am writing similar letters to Vice Admiral Ingersoll and Admiral Daniel for their part in making our stay a very memorable one. Please remember me to them and to President Phelps.

Sincerely yours,

P. Kenneth Peterson
MAYOR

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September 23, 1957

Vice Admiral S. H. Ingersoll, President
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Vice Admiral:

I am writing to extend our sincerest thanks to you for your wonderful hospitality to us on the occasion of our coming to Newport to see the President. It was a genuine pleasure to meet you and Mrs. Ingersoll and to spend a pleasurable time with you.

I trust your physical indisposition which prevented you from attending a delightful party at the Newport Reading Room has cleared itself up and that you are feeling ship shape again. I would enjoy nothing more than to be one of your students at some future date although I doubt that I will find it very convenient to do so while I am holding this office.

My wife joins me in extending to you and Mrs. Ingersoll our thanks and very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Kenneth Peterson
M A Y O R

PKP:mi

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September 23, 1957

Admiral Joseph C. Daniel
Commander, Destroyers Atlantic Fleet
USS Yosemite
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Daniel:

I wish to express to you on behalf of my wife and myself our sincere thanks for your hospitality shown us by you and your staff on the occasion of our recent visit to the Naval Base on the occasion of our audience with the President.

I enjoyed meeting your fine staff of officers and the luncheon that we shared with them aboard your Flagship.

It is my sincere hope that the occasion will present itself when we will meet again. Meanwhile I extend to you our sincere thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Kenneth Peterson
M A Y O R

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ADMIRAL THOMAS C. KINKAID, U. S. N. RET.
2134 R STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

23 Oct. 1957

Dear Dick:-

Many thanks for your letter of 17 Oct. and for destroying the original memorandum which I sent to Hanson Baldwin. The revised memorandum which was published in Baldwin's book contains everything that was in the original but expressed in a little more seemly language.

I will be very much interested in Volume III of your study and will try to get hold of a copy through the Historical Section. It

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covers the water front up to 1042 of 23 Oct. which is just thirteen years ago today.

At that time we, in Leyte Gulf, were not greatly concerned. Our operation plan had included a Leyte Gulf defense force and we knew that we could augment it by DDs from the amphibious forces and by PT boats. Also we were under the mistaken belief that Sanchez would be tightly corked by the 3rd Fleet. You know what the situation was then.

I was sorry to hear that Seary had gone to the Newport Naval Hospital with a coronary. That is one of the sad things about getting along in years. So many of our old friends and contemporaries are

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dropping off.

When you get going on
Vol. IV I will be glad to
answer any questions or make
comment on your early drafts.
Also, you can always use
Cuzen as an arbiter if we
disagree.

Again, thank you for your
letter and with all good wishes

Sincerely

Thomas C. Kinkaid

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3210 Volta Place, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

6 November 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commodore Richard W. Bates, USN

SUBJECT: Confidential Films of Early Naval Battles, WWII

1. During the Senior Reserve Officers course given at the Naval War College last June, I was intensely interested in the confidential films of the battles of Savo Island, Coral Sea, and Midway. As a member of Naval Reserve Composite Company 5-52 in Washington, I am very anxious to obtain one or more of these films to show at one of our regular drills, but have had difficulty in identifying them, owing to their restricted nature.

2. Any information you can give me as to the manner of identifying and obtaining these films for official Navy drill purposes will be greatly appreciated.

Rufus W. Peckham

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CDR USNR-R

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November 14, 1957

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U. S. N. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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With kindest personal regards and thanking you for your nice letter of November the 8th, I am

Sincerely yours,

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DISTRICT COURT
PAUL S. CARROLL, JUDGE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

November 25, 1957

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Admiral Bates:

It was certainly very kind of you to write me on November 8th concerning the officers who spoke here from the Naval War College. I met all of them the first night they were here at a dinner, and then we went over and heard the lectures. Most of the people who attended were Reserve Officers, of course, but I've heard many fine things about the program that was put on by Captain Bengston and the other officers. They said things which all of us ought to know about, and I am sure gave all of us great confidence in the United States Navy and Marine Corp.

Incidentally, Commander Goetter is supposed to carry back to you a story from Mrs. Carroll which she thought you would like.

If we do not have contact again before the holidays, both Mrs. Carroll and myself want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Paul S. Carroll

Exhibit of a hydrodynamic

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" See I TOLD you I WAS SICK "

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Harold A. Kind
SECRETARY TO THE MAYOR

December 30, 1957

RADM, R. W. Bates, USN (ret)
U. S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

I sincerely appreciated receiving your letter of the 19th, in which you state that the chart of the operations of the heavy cruiser MINNEAPOLIS during its Pacific operations in World War II has been completed and forwarded to me. We will indeed be happy to have the photograph of you and Admiral Nimitz to display with the chart and the battle flags, which I indicated to you will be placed in our newly acquired Historical Society building.


I do not think you ought to feel badly that it has taken this time to complete them because, as you well know, history is something that is a long term and never quite understood in the present as it will be in the future. That goes also for the appreciation that the people of this city will feel toward you and the men who manned the MINNEAPOLIS during the crucial war years in the Pacific.

I happened to see Judge Paul Carroll at a premiere showing of "Raintree Country" last evening, and he joined us in an expression of the real delight we mutually have in knowing you and in the prospect that you will return to Minneapolis in the near future.

I am happy to hear that you are going to have a brief holiday in California, and Jean and I sincerely hope that you will have had a wonderful Christmas and will have a happy and eventful New Year.

Please let us hear from you as often as an occasion presents itself - or when you feel like writing for no particular purpose at all.

Yours sincerely,


P. Kenneth Peterson
MAYOR

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